

YUROK INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY



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Narrative Information Sheet

1. Applicant Identification: Yurok Indian Housing Authority: 15540 US Highway 101 North Klamath, California 95548.

2. Funding Requested:

a. Assessment Grant Type: Community Wide Assessment

b. Federal Funds Requested: \$214,490

Applicant Share: \$84,163

Total Project Cost: \$298,652

c. Contamination: Hazardous Substance

3. Location: Yurok Indian Housing Authority Service Area

a. Cities: Klamath, Crescent City, Orick, McKinleyville, Eureka

b. Counties: Del Norte County and Humboldt County

c. Indian Reservation: Yurok (Klamath) and Hoopa: tribal fee lands

4. Property Information for Site Specific Proposals: Not a site specific proposal

5. Contacts:

a. Project Director: Rachel Dowd, Program Operations Director, 707-482-1506, rdowd@yurokhousing.com. 15540 US Highway 101 North Klamath, California 95548.

b. Chief Executive: Nicole Sager, Executive Director, 707-482-1506, nsager@yurokhousing.com. 15540 US Highway 101 North Klamath, California 95548.

6. Population: The community impacted by the project is less than 10,000. The Yurok Tribe has over 6500 tribal members. Many tribal members live in surrounding states and in some cases, other countries. The Yurok Indian Housing Authority service area includes tribal members in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. *The population of tribal members in these three counties that are served by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority and the focus of the project are 3,119.*

7. Other factors checklist:

Other Factors	Page #
Community Population is less than 10,000	Pg. 1 (Just over 6500 tribal members)
The applicant will assist a federally recognized tribe.	Yurok Tribe: Yurok Indian Housing Authority
The priority is adjacent to a body of water	Klamath River and surrounding service area
The priority is in a federally designated flood plain	N/A
The reuse of the priority site will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	N/A
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield sites within the target area.	N/A

8. See attached letter from State Environmental Authority

Target Area and Plans for Revitalization

a. Target Area and Brownfields: Similar to other Native American tribes, Yurok Indians were removed from their land base and sent to boarding schools. They retained control of a vital area of their ancestral lands along the Klamath River. The narrow strip of about two miles (one mile on either side of the Klamath River) for a distance of about 52 miles from the mouth of the Klamath River became the Yurok Reservation and in 1992, the Yurok Tribe officially organized an autonomous operating government. With over 6500 tribal members, the Yurok Tribe has the largest number of tribal members of all the tribes in California. Unlike other tribes, salmon are the mainstay to the Yurok existence. Subsistence and ceremony revolve around the salmon runs. With the installation of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River, physical barriers and limited flows have severely reduced the migration of Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead from migrating through the Lower Klamath River. The decline in salmon and the health of the Klamath River has paralleled the decline in health of the Yurok people. Without a doubt Yurok people disproportionately share the negative environmental consequences resulting from governmental and industrial operations¹.

The consequences of the dams impacted more than the traditional lifestyle of Yuroks. In the past, Klamath was home to salmon canneries at the mouth of the Klamath River and commercial fishing attracted fisherman from all over the world. A mismanagement of water has decimated canneries and commercial fishing has been on the brink of disaster for the last decade. Limited access to salmon and other traditional foods combined with excessive poverty from limited economic opportunities created a thriving environment for diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and heart disease. Diabetes alone is 2.3 times that of non-Hispanic whites. ***The generational impacts from a loss of more traditional lifeways has meant that many young people have turned to drug use.*** Unemployment rates (over 30%) on the reservation and drug use rates are excessively high among Yuroks².

While meth is an epidemic in the larger population, it is even more prevalent in Indian Country. As the 2006, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Patrick Ragsdale stated, "Social problems such as meth abuse do not occur in isolation, but are intertwined with other social problems such as crime, abuse of other substances, limited economic opportunities, reduced academic achievement, and suicide, to name just a few"³. The Yurok Reservation is located in an area that is nationally known for illegal marijuana cultivation and meth distribution and usage. The usage of meth has saturated the reservation with an increase in the numbers of users, more clever ways of trafficking meth, and an exponential rise in the crimes that are associated with meth use. It is not uncommon to find three generations within a family that have suffered from meth addiction.

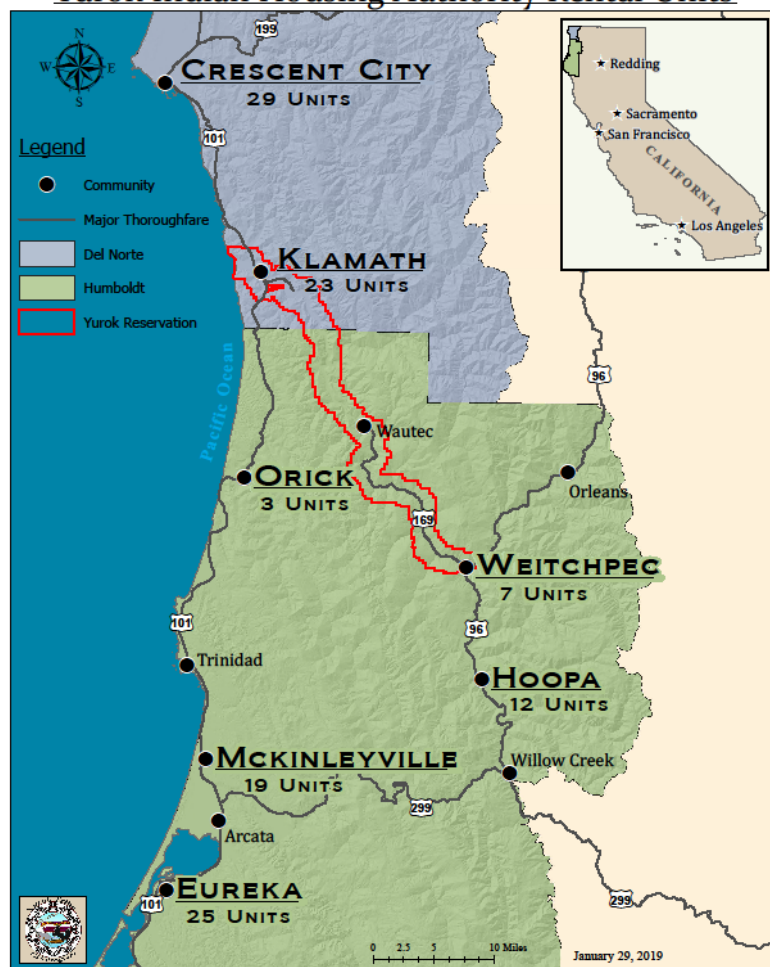
¹ July 2012. US Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Technical Service Center Denver, Colorado. Yurok Tribe Sociocultural/Socioeconomics Effects Analysis Technical Report.

² August 2011. Pp. 2. Breaking the Cycle. Matt Mais. Yurok Tribe Public Relations Officer.

³ 2007. Meth in Indian Country: Native Case Studies.

In the not so distant past, families on the reservation did not even have to bother with locking their homes. Now, after years of meth usage, families live in constant fear of being burglarized and almost never leave their homes unattended. *In 2018, the Humboldt County Sheriff's office reported that during 2017, out of 272 unintended deaths, 29% were due to methamphetamine and other stimulants and another 18% were due to multi-drug toxicity. Further, these deaths are disproportionately within the boundaries of native lands.*

Yurok Indian Housing Authority Rental Units



Currently the Yurok Indian Housing Authority owns 118 multi-family apartment units on 46 parcels all of which are operated in the service areas of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, in the cities of Eureka, Arcata, Mckinleyville, Crescent City and a significant portion on the Yurok and Hoopa Reservation. The primary mission of the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is to provide affordable, decent and safe housing to lower-income tribal members. Beginning around 2006, the Housing Authority began operating rental units and has yet to conduct any methamphetamine testing on the units. These units are the target area for the proposed project. The tribal low income housing stock is extremely limited. There are over 200

hundred families on the current waitlist for rental services. The existing stock of 118 units are an extremely valuable asset to the Housing Authority and the Tribal Community.

b. Revitalization of the Target Area.

Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: The **reuse strategy** is to train Yurok Indian Housing Authority employees to perform the cleanup at the contaminated units to ultimately preserve the housing stock. This provides job training that will support resiliency and autonomy so that Yurok will be able to effectively implement a remediation program. The reuse strategy is also in the community outreach. Community input will shape the frequency

and urgency to implement drug testing and site testing on units. *Buy-in from the community will propagate policies that are within the community and not being done to them. **As part of a way forward and larger tribal revitalization plan, this project will bring environmental justice for low income Yurok people, protect housing, and build job skills.***

Outcomes and Benefits of the Reuse Strategy: **1) To engage and educate the community** about the health and safety issues related to methamphetamine contamination. The community input will be put into re-use for policy input in addressing methamphetamine use in Yurok low income rentals to include; frequency of testing to ensure community driven environmental justice, community driven public noticing and housing reuse, and community driven tenant drug testing. **2) To train staff to effectively become self-sufficient so that Yurok people can participate in ensuring the longevity of the tribal housing stock.** A vibrant and thriving housing stock that is free of environmental contaminants is at the heart of environmental justice for the Yurok people. The Phase II assessments ensure that meth does not destroy Yurok housing units and will also provide a sense of pride for those living in the homes that are clean, safe, and not a low-income housing slum for drug addicts. The Housing Authority has been working closely with Yurok Tribal Court to ensure the necessary violation procedures are in place to immediately evict tenants that have used methamphetamines in the units. The entire community will benefit from the redevelopment strategy to create safe and healthy homes.

c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources:

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority is entirely grant funded with limited amounts of program income that is used as discretionary funds. The primary source of funding is the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) program for Native American Housing Assistance Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). This means that there is an extremely limited ability to perform services other than those described and eligible in the annual Indian Housing Plan. If funded, the Housing Authority will leverage resources by supplementing grant funds with NAHASDA funds to provide project management by existing staff. Staff training resources will be leveraged so that once trained, Housing Authority staff will assume remediation as a component of their existing duties.

Future leveraging will be based on the outcome of the Phase II assessments. In order to address significant levels of contamination and remediation, The Yurok Indian Housing Authority will leverage Indian Housing Block grant funds, discretionary funds, and funding sources such as the EPA Brownfields Clean-Up Grant Program with larger remodeling projects with funds from California's Low Income Housing Tax Credit program to implement large scale remediation.

2. Community Need and Community Engagement

a. Community Need: High Incidence of Disease/Adverse Health and Impoverished Populations:

Yurok people suffer from greater incidents of disease and adverse health conditions beyond the general population. Dependence on food assistance and a lack of traditional foods have been implicated in the development of a range of medical conditions. In addition to obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Mortality rates increase with higher diabetes and heart disease rates. But also, Native Americans are the hardest-hit demographic in an overdose death epidemic that has affected every corner of the country. Between 1999 and 2015, there was a 519% increase in the number of overdoses among rural Native Americans, according to a 2017 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, compared to an increase of 325 percent in rural areas overall.⁴

Methamphetamines have initiated a myriad of problems on the Yurok Reservation. Currently, over half of all crime on the reservation is related to methamphetamine use. But most importantly is the impact to the most vulnerable populations, the children. Traditional meth manufacturing methods involve a range of hazardous chemicals and solvents. When heated and volatilized during a meth “cook”, these highly toxic substances can contaminate the immediate area and can be spread through the dwelling. Chemicals such as anhydrous ammonia, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, alcohols, and other solvents utilized in illicit methamphetamine production are toxic, hazardous, and volatile. Children are uniquely susceptible to a myriad of harmful effects. Children’s body size, higher rate of growth and development, and faster metabolism and breathing rate mean that children are more likely to absorb more of the chemicals and drugs into their bodies than adults. The developing brain and other systems are more susceptible to damage at specific maturational levels. Children may not be able to process and eliminate the chemicals as well as adults and are therefore also at risk of neurological and developmental problems. But also, young children have more contact than adults with their physical environment, such as floor, soil, and other surfaces, like countertops, etc., children are likely to be exposed to more of the drug and contaminants in their home.

b. Community Engagement:

Community engagement is essential to the success of this project. The main point of the community engagement is to build consensus among the tribal community that it is necessary to address the methamphetamine problem, develop policies that capture the input and direction of the community needs, and ensure the extremely important goal of preserving the tribal housing stock. Housing is a precious resource in California and even more so in Indian Country. In many cases, the low income housing provided is the only housing options for our community. Through community meetings at the multifamily housing complexes, awareness and education with the goal of community consensus to save the housing stock is the main goal of the project. The Project outreach will begin with an educational meeting and evolve to include community feedback. This feedback will be reused to shape Housing policy that

⁴ September 4, 2018. Hootnick, Alexandra. Sick River: Can These California Tribes Beat Heroin and History? Pp. 2

outlines how the Yurok Indian Housing Authority will address the methamphetamine problem in Yurok homes. These policy decisions include testing frequency and notification and consequences of the testing. In addition to community meetings, the YIHA will link a webpage to the Yurok Indian Housing Authority website, which will provide the opportunity for view the health impacts of methamphetamine use, testing information, and provide an additional forum for feedback.

The final piece of the community engagement is to share the results of the Phase II assessments with the community at each of the multifamily housing locations. The reports will also be shared with the Yurok Tribe's Planning and Community Development Department, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Department of Environmental Health and Del Norte County Office of Environmental Health Division. Knowledge sharing will allow these agencies the awareness necessary to evaluate any health outbreaks that could be potentially related to exposure.

As a partner for community outreach, the Yurok Indian Housing Authority will collaborate with the local Native American non-profit, Northern California Indian Development Council, to ensure dissemination of the information to the larger native community. In Del Norte County, NCIDC is responsible for after-school programming for native youth and many local community events. Their partnership will ensure engagement and effective community notification among the tribal community.

And finally, the Yurok Indian Housing Authority will collaborate with the Yurok Tribal Court to ensure a fair implementation of tenant drug testing and Standard Operating Procedure for Sampling and Analysis follow due diligence for Tenant rights.

Partner Name	Point of Contact	Specific Role in the Project
Yurok Planning and Community Development Department	Kathleen Fischer, Director	Collaborator for Reservation lands and tribal jurisdiction to include review of assessment findings
Humboldt County Environmental Health Division	Kevin Metcalfe, REHS, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist	Collaborator for Phase II Assessments, will disseminate reporting results
Del Norte County Office of Environmental Health Division	Brian McNally, REHS Senior Environmental Health Specialist	Collaborator for Phase II Assessments, will disseminate reporting results
Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC)	Brenda Lawrence, Program Assistant, II	Assistance with Outreach and Community Meetings
Yurok Tribal Court	Abby Abinanti, Tribal Judge	Assistance with Policy Development, SOP review and collaboration

3. Tasks Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

The overall outcome of the project is to minimize exposure to hazardous substances for a historically underserved population, which includes community engagement and staff training for long term sustainability.

The following is a list of Project Implementation Tasks/Activities and Outputs in order to achieve that overall outcome.

Task 1: Grant Management and oversight. Activity Lead: The Program Operations Director, Mrs. Dowd, will be responsible for grant management. She will also perform community engagement to ensure accurate planning for community input can be reused for policy. Ms. Dowd will hire a project manager to organize outreach material and property information, scribe meeting input, and work directly with the methamphetamine testing and remediation consultant. Duties will also include, oversight during 118 Phase II property assessments, processing of invoices, and reporting requirements. During the course of the project, the Program Operations Director will meet weekly with the Executive Director and monthly meetings with the Board of Commissioners to provide a status update on the project. Mrs. Dowd will review all materials from the hired project staff.

The Program Operations Director's time is a cost share to the project and the amount was based on 520 hours of her annual salary and fringe benefits over three years: **This cost is split between Task 1 and Task 5.** ***The output of task 1 is community outreach material, project oversight in all tasks, and ongoing grant award management.***

<i>Staff</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>	<i>Number of Hours</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>Fringe</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
Rachel Dowd, Program Operations Director	\$43.24	520 per YR (3 yrs)	\$67,454	24.77%	\$16,708.45	\$84,163 COST SHARE

Task 2: Community Engagement and Input (Pre and Post Assessment): Activity Lead: The Project Manager, hired by the Program Operations Director with the oversight of the Program Operations Director, will conduct community engagement and Phase II assessments. The community engagement is structured so that there is an educational component that provides basic health and safety information about methamphetamine production at a residence. Additionally, staff will create dialog with the community in small group discussions, surveys, and working groups to develop a level of comfort for tenant methamphetamine testing and reuse of the homes. This information will be reused in policy development for tenant testing and public education when a unit is revitalized. Public outreach will also be conducted after the Phase II testing is complete to share results. Public engagement will also be coordinated with a community partner, the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC), a non-profit native organization which operates the area's workforce development and Indian Education after-school program and notices many community events throughout the year.

The Project Manager position will be a 24 month, temporary-position appointment based on funding with fringe benefits (medical, vision, dental). Travel costs are based on the amount of miles across the reservation and between the two counties. The Project Manager will drive a vehicle owned by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority but vehicle miles are based on the federal rate for mileage reimbursement to cover the costs of fuel and maintenance. Supply costs are based on estimates obtained for a Surface Pro computer to be used as the Project Manager to provide safe and secure storage of the methamphetamine testing and quantitative analysis. Ensuring a safe and secure computer is a projected requirement from the SOPs for Sampling and Analysis. Coastal Business Systems provided a quote for a basic color printer. The Methamphetamine Testing Kit costs were provided by quote from the Meth Lab Clean up Company. The Black Box Reader is a digital monitoring device designed for quantification of methamphetamine residue using lateral-flow assay and electronic line intensity reading. Average deviation is 9.1% (on average laboratories that analyze meth are allowed a deviation of 20%, some labs are much higher⁵); **Outputs for Task 2 are: Project Manager hired, community engagement to include feedback in (3) public meetings, supplies for methamphetamine testing, and Phase II assessments conducted at Properties owned by the Housing Authority .**

<i>Staff</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>	<i>Number of Hours</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>Fringe</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total Staff Wages and Fringe</i>
Project Manager, TBD	\$25	4160	\$104,000	35%	\$36,400	\$140,400

<i>Travel</i>	<i>Per Mile</i>	<i>Number of Miles</i>	<i>Total Travel</i>
YIHA Vehicle	.55 per mile	12,750 miles	\$7013

<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Total Supplies</i>
Computer	\$2,500	1	\$2500
Printer	\$1,081	1	\$1,081
Methamphetamine Test Kits	\$129.75 each	3 per unit 354 Total Kits	\$30,621
Black Box Reader	\$375.00	1	\$375
Total			\$34,577

Task 3: Training and Sampling and Analysis SOP: Project Lead: Project Manager (TBD) will contract with the Meth Lab, a consultant, to provide job training for the Yurok Indian Housing Authority staff. The certification will provide a 16-hour training and certification for Yurok Indian Housing Authority Program Operations Staff to become certified in Clandestine Drug Lab Assessment and Sampling. The Housing Authority Construction staff will also be trained in Remediation. Training includes regulatory requirements, manufacture methods, HAZCOM program, toxicology, preliminary and post remediation site assessment, sampling,

⁵ Meth Lab Cleanup Company. 1/28/2019. <https://methlabcleanup.com/Meth-Lab-Tests.html>

decontamination, and reporting. Training will be provided by the Meth Lab Clean up Company or another nationally accredited program. The budgeted funds are based on a quote provided by “Meth Lab Clean Up Company”, which is an accredited business operating since 2003. The quote includes an additional 4-8 hours of training for Awareness and Regulatory Development. The consultant’s cost estimate is \$22,500.00. The consultant has agreed to work with the Project Manager to develop Standard Operating Procedures for Sampling and Analysis. Staff training will ensure that this project is sustainable after the grant closeout and continues to provide benefits to the low income tribal community. Yurok people will be trained to help remediate tribal housing so the community is more resilient. The Housing Authority staff will be trained to conduct reliable methamphetamine sampling and testing, and remediation. ***The outputs for Task 2 are trained and certified staff in Clandestine Drug Lab Assessment, Sampling, and Remediation and in Awareness and Regulatory Development.***

Consultant	Rate	Number of Hours
The Meth Lab Cleanup Company or other accredited company	\$22,500.00	20-24 (2 Trainings)

Task 4: Activity Lead: The Project Manager will conduct a **Phase II** investigation of each site to include all units. ***The outputs for Task 4 are: Completion of 118 Phase II Assessments on 48 parcels and completion of the assessments.*** The costs to the project are included in the staff wages presented under task 2.

Task 5: Analysis: Result Dissemination: Activity Lead: The Project Manager will present the Phase II ESA findings in a report for the community. A community meeting will be held at each community area. The meetings will also discuss reuse and redevelopment options to ensure site reuse and revitalization to preserve limited housing stock. Findings will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and to the Yurok Tribal Council. ***The outputs for Task 5 are: Result Dissemination to Community, Board of Commissioners, Yurok Tribal Council, Del Norte and Humboldt County Department of Environmental Health.***

Measuring Results: The Program Operations Director will track, measure, and evaluate project towards overall project results and outcomes to ensure the project stays on track. The Executive Director meets weekly with the Program Operations Director to discuss project development and timelines. Staff will also provide a monthly written report to the Board of Commissioners to describe monthly progress in relation to the project. If at any time, the project is behind schedule, it will be recognized and addressed in a timely manner to ensure grant funds are managed and spent in a timely and efficient manner.

Project Schedule Tasks 1-5: 36 MTHS

MONTH	MTH: 1-6	MTH 6-12	MTH 1-6	MTH 6-12	MTH 1-6	MTH 6-12
Task 1: Project Management	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going
Task 2: Community Engagement		YR 1: MTH 6			YR 3: MTH 6	
Task 3: Staff Training		YR 1: MTH 6	YR 2: MTH 6			
Task 4: Phase II Testing			YR 2: MTH 1		YR 3: MTH 1	
Task 5: Analysis					YR 3	YR 3

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Project Tasks (\$)					
DIRECT COSTS	1. Grant Administration and Oversight: Staff Oversight, meetings, reporting, invoicing, and project closeout	2. Community Engagement (pre and post): Re-use strategy	3. Job Training: SOP and unit remediation	Phase II Assessments on 118 Rental Units: 48 Properties	Dissemination of information and recommendations: Next Steps: Grant Closeout	Total
Personnel	Cost Share	\$52,000		52,000	Cost Share	\$104,000
Fringe Benefits	Cost Share	\$18,200		18,200	Cost Share	\$36,400
Travel		\$7,013				\$7,013
Equipment				\$34,577		\$34,577
Supplies		\$10,000				\$10,000
Contractual			\$22,500			\$22,500
Other						\$0
Total Direct Costs	Cost Share	\$87,213	\$22,500	\$104,777	Cost Share	\$214,490
Indirect Costs						\$0
Total Budget	Cost Share	\$87,213	\$22,500	\$104,777	Cost Share	\$214,490

4. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

Program Operations Director, Rachel Dowd, has been the Program Operations Director for over two years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Humboldt State University in California and has managed federally funded projects and requirements with the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as part of her existing job duties. She is familiar with federal and tribal procurement and has assisted with the preparation of annual performance reports on time and within the approved budget. Ms. Dowd will be the administrator for the proposed project.

Executive Director, Nicole Sager, has worked for the Yurok Tribe and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority for over ten years. Ms. Sager has managed over several millions of dollars in grant projects from EPA Drinking Water Tribal Set Asides, USDA Section 306c for water system improvements, HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant and most recently HUD's NAHASDA funds for the implementation of the annual Indian Housing Plan. Ms. Sager's projects have always been completed on time and within budget. Ms. Sager has a Master of Arts degree and wrote the Yurok Tribe's current Land Use Plan. Ms. Sager will provide oversight on the proposed Phase II assessment project.

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority has approved procurement policies that comply with 2 CFR 200 and the OMB Super Circular to ensure procurement is in compliance with the Federal government standards. The Housing Authority also completes an annual audit and a record of no findings.

Past Performance and Accomplishments: The Yurok Indian Housing Authority has never received an EPA Brownfields Grant, but has received other federal assistance.

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority has applied and received federal funding from the Housing and Urban Development Department's Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act since its inception in 1997. Each year the Housing Authority submits an Indian Housing Plan to describe the goals for the coming year and a request for funds. The Housing Authority submits quarterly reports and an Annual Performance Report, which is approved by the Board of Commissioners, the Yurok Tribal Council, and made available to the public. These requirements are regularly completed on time. With this funding, the Housing Authority provides nine programs for low-income tribal members, which include but are not limited to; Down-payment assistance, Weatherization, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Self-help, Emergency Elder Assistance, and low-income rentals.

Although leveraging and Cost Share is not required, the Housing Authority will provide funds towards the total cost of the project for the Program Operations Director to provide grant administration. The Yurok Indian Housing Authority is committed to working with the tribal community and becoming more resilient through testing and remediation to protect the tribal housing stock and tribal members.

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA:

Eligibility: The Yurok Indian Housing Authority is an eligible entity as an Indian Housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937. The Yurok Indian Housing Authority has managed and continues to manages Act 37 rental housing units.

Community Involvement: The community engagement is vital to the success of the project. Through community meetings in the areas of the low income housing units, the Housing Authority will provide educational outreach about the health and safety impacts from methamphetamine use and reproduction in homes that are also being used for residential purposes. There will be three community meetings for the low income tribal residents of these homes and each will have a specific engagement focus. 1) Education; 2) Feedback for Policy Development; and 3) Reuse Strategy.

The goal of the community outreach is to foster a sense of urgency, support and buy-in for testing and reuse. Without the community buy-in, the success of the policy implementation will be minimal. The meetings will be the basis for the policy structure to address methamphetamine suspicion and testing among tenants and support for reuse. Ultimately, it is essential that the community understands and supports the importance of preserving the low-income tribal housing stock. Without these homes, tribal members would have no other options. Therefore, it is from community engagement about the dangers of methamphetamine use in residential homes, the treatment of the homes, and the community investment in reuse of the homes, that will ensure the project's success and environmental justice.

Also, the Housing Authority will train existing staff to test and remediate the homes. The staff training is also a community engagement activity as 98% of the staff at the Yurok Indian Housing Authority are Yurok tribal members and live in these communities. Some are also residents in the units. Job skill development will not only enhance the job performance of tribal members but also allow the tribal community to be more resilient and work to solve methamphetamine contamination autonomously.

And finally, the Housing Authority will ensure the dissemination of the Phase II testing with the Yurok Tribe's Planning Department and the Health Department in both counties where there are low income tribal homes.

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority does not have any active assessment grants.



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November 25, 2019

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR BROWNFIELDS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YUOK INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dear Ms. Emeric-Ford:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) acknowledges and supports the Yurok Indian Housing Authority application for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant. DTSC is one of the lead regulatory Agencies with the responsibility for overseeing the investigation and remediation of hazardous substances release sites in California. Through various initiatives, DTSC works cooperatively with state and local agencies, private entities and communities to facilitate brownfields reuse and achieve cost-effective remediation solutions, while safeguarding public health and the environment. DTSC has worked cooperatively with numerous stakeholders throughout California assisting with redevelopment and reuse plans for hazardous substances and petroleum release sites in our State.

DTSC fully supports the Yurok Indian Housing Authority efforts to apply for and obtain a Brownfields Assessment Grant to address the 118 low-income rental units in Humboldt and Del Norte County in the amount of \$214,490.00. The requested EPA Brownfields Grant funds will provide the Yurok Indian Housing Authority with the funds necessary to manage and implement an environmental assessment program, and conduct area-wide planning, site inventory, and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments.

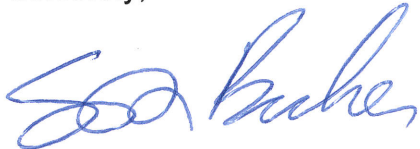
We are encouraged by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's willingness to seek funds and act voluntarily to address contamination in an area that has historically been neglected. DTSC fully supports the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's application for a U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

Ms. Noemi Emeric-Ford
November 25, 2019
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This grant will allow the Yurok Indian Housing Authority to work with State Agencies in a productive manner that protects the environment and improves the lives of the citizens of the area, and all of California. We appreciate the opportunity to support local agency programs as they play a critical role in California's effort to protect the environment and public health.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leona Winner at (916) 255-6679, or via email at Leona.Winner@dtsc.ca.gov.

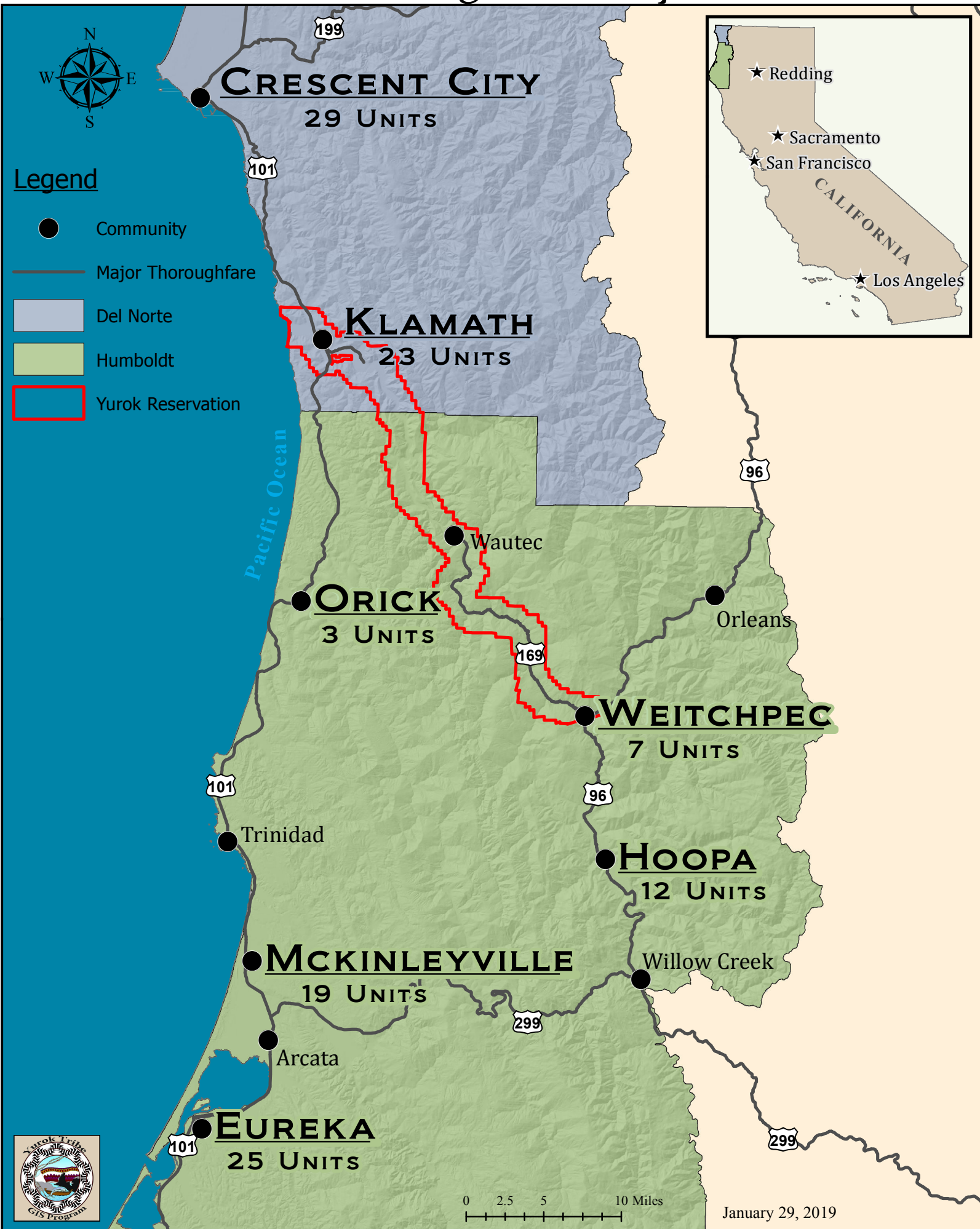
Sincerely,



Steven Becker, P.G., Chief
Santa Susana Field Laboratory and Northern California Schools Branch
Site Mitigation & Restoration Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Yurok Indian Housing Authority Rental Units



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/02/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0381270690000

d. Address:

* Street1:

15540 Highway 101 North

Street2:

* City:

Klamath

County/Parish:

Del Norte

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

95548-9351

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Program Operations

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mrs.

* First Name:

Nicole

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Sager

Suffix:

Title:

Executive Director

Organizational Affiliation:

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

* Telephone Number:

707-482-1506

Fax Number:

707-482-3117

* Email:

nsager@yurokhousing.com

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

K: Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

1238-Areas Affected by the Project.pdf

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Community Engagement, Staff Training, and Phase II Testing for Methamphetamine in Tribal Housing

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

07/01/2020

* b. End Date:

07/01/2023

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	214,490.00
* b. Applicant	84,163.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	298,653.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

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Mrs.

* First Name:

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Nicole L Sager

* Date Signed:

12/02/2019